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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) of prior application Serial No. 08/797,770, filed on February 7, 1997, entitled METHOD FOR USING TROPOELASTIN AND FOR PRODUCING TROPOELASTIN BIOMATERIALS by inventors Kenton W. Gregory and Andrew Barofsky.

1. Attorney for Applicant will be interviewing the attached application with Examiner Prebilic in Washington D.C. and will file a preliminary amendment after personal interview with Examiner Prebilic on January 12, 1999. Attached is a letter requesting said interview.

2. Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the previous application.

- Small entity status A small entity status statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- 4. Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response in the previous application. The extension fee is included and a duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

	CLAIMS	AS FILED		
	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$ 380.00
Total Claims	69-20	49	x \$9.00 =	441.00
Independent Claims	9-3	6	x \$39.00 =	234.00
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LETTER

Applicants have filed a Continuation Patent Application ("CPA") on November 19, 1998, based on the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application. The Attorney for Applicants hereby requests that he be granted a personal interview on January 12, 1998, at 9:00AM EDT, with U.S. Patent Examiner Paul Prebilic to discuss issues relating to the CPA, even though the First Office Action with respect to the CPA has not yet been mailed to the Attorney For Applicants.

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